

## WAS BANJOIST OF LEE'S ARMY

Samuel M. Gregory, Comedian, But Brave as a Lion, Is Enjoying His Old Age.

### DROVE DULL CARE AWAY

When the Day's Long March Was Over He Was Ever Welcome.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ETNA MILLS, VA., March 23.—Samuel Moorman Gregory, banjoist of Lee's army, now visiting relatives here, was born in King William county, March 5, 1833. His father was John Pegram Gregory, born May 14, 1806, in the same county, and was grandson of Roger and Richard Gregory, of the same county.

At the outbreak of the war he was living in Petersburg, and from that city enlisted in May of that year in the Forty-first Regiment, Mahone's Brigade. He was a sharpshooter, wounded at the battle of the Crater and participated in all the engagements of that brigade up to that time.

Mr. Gregory is a frequent guest of friends in the city and country, who are always glad to welcome the merry old banjoist, whose anecdotes never grow stale, and whose jovial nature only mellowed under the frosts of time. With his jolly songs and banjo solos, he performed vaudeville during the war in cheering the spirits of soldiers worn and weary almost beyond human endurance.

Gregory was permitted to fight, play and sing throughout the conflict. In its closing days, when Lee's lines were worn to a frazzle and despair clutched at hearts, Gregory's banjo and voice were a merry in the trenches around Richmond and Petersburg, as they had ever been.

**Gun and Banjo.**  
Gregory marched with his gun and his banjo. Whenever the troops stacked arms his jolly camp tunes and stirring martial airs cheered the hearts of the weary men. Strange as it may seem, he ended his military career almost at the spot where he learned to pick the banjo strings. Even now, when Gregory picks up his beloved banjo and bursts into a war song, which stirred his hearers' hearts in the Wilderness or in the trenches, it is in the midst of old veterans, you can hear the rebel yell echo again as of old in war-times.

Gregory may have been self-appointed to the position of banjoist to General Lee's army, but he won fame that is inseparably connected with the annals of that great fighting machine.

**Old-Time Comedian.**  
Mr. Gregory is known to the Confederate veterans as "the only original old-time Southern comedian of Lee's army," and now with the infirmities of old age—seventy-four years old the 6th of this present month—he is the happiest of available, cultured Virginia gentlemen. Long may he live.

A very few know that General Lee's army stacked their arms on the Sweeney Farm, one and a half miles from Appomattox Courthouse. The famous apple tree under which Lee was sitting while the terms of surrender were being discussed, was passing between him and General Grant was in old Joe Sweeney's yard.

### Old Joe Sweeney.

Old Joe Sweeney had the honor of playing before the Queen of England. He died some years prior to the great struggle between the States, and was not Stuart's banjoist, as many supposed. There were three brothers and two sisters. None ever married—Joe, Dick and Sam. Dick died in Washington, D. C., from hemorrhage of the lungs, while performing on the stage. Sam, the youngest, was with General J. E. B. Stuart. He died at Orange Courthouse during the war. His banjo was General Stuart's favorite instrument, and his favorite song was "If You Want to Have a Good Time Join the Cavalry." It was in 1845, when Mr. Gregory was a boy visiting Appomattox county, a guest of the Sweeney family, that he got his first idea of playing the banjo from old Joe, the elder brother, and he plays Sweeney's original songs to-day with inimitable grace and spirit.

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## STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FARMVILLE, VA., March 23.—Dr. F. A. Millidge concluded his talks on "Three Periods of American History," Friday evening, March 15th, by a most interesting discussion of the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. Excellent stereoscopic views, provided by the assistance of Mr. J. C. Mattoon, added greatly to the interest and force of Dr. Millidge's vivid words.

Mr. J. L. Jarnum, accompanied by his little son Joseph, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Richmond.

Mr. Elmer E. Jones attended the meeting of the Teachers' Association of the Seventh District, at Woodstock, Friday, March 22d, where he spoke on "The New High School Movement."

Miss Frances Lancaster, of Ashland, spent the past week with her sisters, Misses Nantilo and Annie Lancaster.

Miss Mary Dickenson enjoyed a visit from her brother, Mr. S. J. Dickenson, of Berkeley, last Sunday.

Mr. Newton Coleman, of Ford, Va., visited his sister, Miss Linda Coleman, on Sunday, the 17th.

Mr. Albert S. Johnson, of Smithville, was a caller at school last Sunday.

Mr. B. West Tabb, of Newport News, a representative of Ginn & Co., spent the larger part of Tuesday at the Normal School.

Mr. Stockell also called Tuesday in the interest of Allen & Bacon.

On Thursday, the 21st instant, the regular meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees (in conjunction with the committee on instruction) was held in the president's office.

The following were present: Hon. Robert Turnbull, president of the board; Mr. J. S. Ware, Rev. Thornton S. Wilson, Dr. W. E. Anderson, Dr. Bruce R. Payne, Mr. C. Harding Walker and Judge A. D. Watkins.

Mr. Thomas E. Watkins, of Charlotte Courthouse, gave his daughter, Miss Mary Watkins, a pleasant surprise visit on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Owens, of Green Bay, visited their daughter Louise Saturday, March 16th.

## WOMAN'S PART IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Splendid Tribute to Her Fine Work by Superintendent Wm. Holmes Davis.

### ARE SUCCESSFUL TEACHERS

Able and Instructive Address Delivered at Educational Conference Here.

Mr. R. C. Stearnes, secretary of the State Board of Education, has, from time to time, been editing addresses made before the Educational Conference held here last November, with the view of publishing such portions of them as will be of striking interest and information to the educational world. Some of them have already been published in this paper and others may follow later on.

Among the discussions of Educational Week at that meeting none was more absorbingly interesting than the one entitled "Woman's Part in Public School Education," before the Conference of Division Superintendents of Schools. Three of the lady teachers of the State had been placed on the program of the superintendents' conference, but, as it happened, only one, Miss Louise Griggs, Roanoke, Va., had the unique distinction of presenting her views in a formal way as one of the regularly appointed speakers. Those who heard Miss Griggs and those who read an account of the effect of her remarks upon the grave and reverend seigniors will realize that she improved to the utmost this opportunity of presenting the just claims of her sex.

### All Strong Efforts.

Other speakers on this subject were Superintendent Wm. Holmes Davis, Danville; Superintendent J. K. Fulton, of Grayson county, and Superintendent Lee Britt, of Nanamoud county. It is very just and very fitting to pay compliment to them to say that their papers attracted hardly less attention than the one that was rendered so attractive not only by its inherent worth, but also by the personality of the speaker. In fact, to either one of the papers delivered by these gentlemen, as compared with that delivered by Miss Griggs, might be said the words of Dr. Johnson used by Superintendent Davis to emphasize one of his points:

"Like perfect music unto noble words; And so these twain, upon the skirts of Time, Sit side by side, full-summed in all their powers, Dispensing harvest, sowing the to-be, Self-reverent each and reverencing each, Distinct in individualities, But like each other even as those who are."

### Value of Woman's Work.

All the papers agreed in the cordial recognition they gave of the great value of the work which woman has accomplished in education. Two of the gentlemen, speaking boldly as from conviction, but influenced to some extent no doubt by a proper spirit of gallantry, attributed the absorption of the educational field by woman entirely to her worth; but it is probable that Miss Griggs came somewhat nearer the real reason when she called attention to the fact that it has been possible to secure talent among women at much lower cost than among men. Yet it is all the more to woman's credit that it is impossible to deny the fact that her work has been surprisingly successful notwithstanding the small average of salary.

### A Labor of Love.

It is grandly true that hers has been really a "labor of love," and so far as elementary schools are concerned—a field to which she is peculiarly adapted—all the speakers agreed that in primary and in part at least of the grammar school work women are better instructors than men. Miss Griggs deplored the fact that there are not more men in the advanced grammar and high school work. For these grades she suggested that half and half would seem to be the proper proportion, and it is believed that higher salaries will make the relative number of male and female teachers in the higher classes about equal and will give Virginia a system of schools superior to any she has ever enjoyed.

But we hasten to a consideration of the addresses separately, and in doing so we cannot do better than quote at length from the remarks of each of the speakers.

### Subject Divided.

Superintendent William Holmes Davis divided the subject into three parts: Woman in the School. Woman in the Home. Woman in Society.

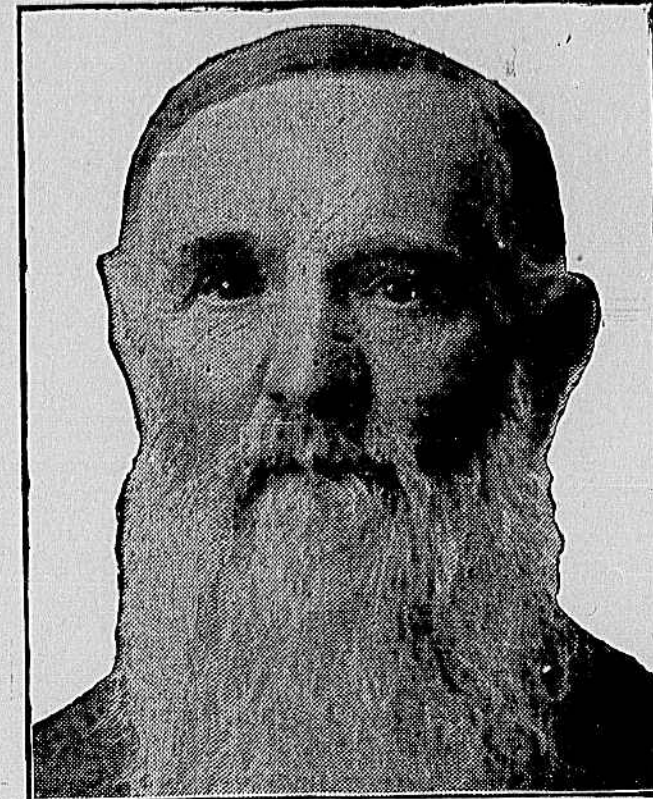
He said in part: "When I first began to look over the field I was amazed to find that such a large number of women were school officials. Not only are there among them officers of school boards, but also two State superintendents, eleven city superintendents, 224 county superintendents, 101 of the supervising officers of city systems, and principals galore of high and graded schools. Virginia is conservative, and contents herself with putting a woman into the assistant superintendency of a city system and others as heads of city and town high schools and graded schools—in some cases, however, because men are not available."

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proved. His son, Mr. Frank B. Reynolds, who has been with him in his illness, has returned to Manchester. Plans are under consideration for the building of a new Baptist Church at this place. Quite a nice sum of money has been subscribed, and it is expected that work on the new building will shortly begin.

Mr. S. L. Kie and Mr. E. A. Parrish have recently put in new gas machines. Mrs. Augusta Rogers, of Augusta, Ga., is with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Irving, near Cartersville. Mr. Wilfred A. Powell has returned to his home at Williamsburg after a visit to this place.

## CARTERSVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CARTERSVILLE, VA., March 23.—Judge J. O. Reynolds, who has been sick for so many weeks, is much improved.

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